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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/620,929	Applicant(s) ST. CLAIR, LAWRENCE B.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-22 are presented for examination.

Election/Restrictions

A attempt for provisional restriction requirement was made on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 with Applicant's Attorney, T. Grant Ritz. Applicant is reminded to elect claims of one of the following groups and cancel claims of non-elected group. Claims are not examined on the merits as of yet.

Restrictions to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims 1-10, 15-19, 21 and 22, drawn to an apparatus comprising one or more electronically accessible media with data, error detection data, plurality of platforms and several modules, classified in class 714, subclass 799.
- II. Claims 11-14 and 20, drawn to a method for executing an error detection scheme and comparing the determined error correction data with the received error detection data, classified in class 714, subclass 758.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

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Inventions Group I, one or more electronically accessible media with data, error detection data, plurality of platforms and several modules and Group II, an method for executing an error detection scheme and comparing the determined error correction data with the received error detection data are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the claims of Group I do not require the limitations of an method for executing an error detection scheme and comparing the determined error correction data with the received error detection data. The subcombination has separate utility such as in a single networked environment.

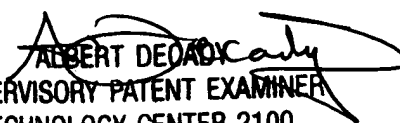
Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group II is not required for Group I, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Any inquiries concerning this communication should be directed to the examiner, Mujtaba Chaudry who may be reached at 571-272-3817. The examiner may normally be reached Mon – Thur 6:30 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, please contact the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady at 571-272-3819.



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March 8, 2006



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